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To Our Readers.

With the present number THE CITIZEN enters upon its fourth year. The past years have come to us freighted with hard work, increasing competition, some discouragements, yet with many successes, ripening experience and growing financial prosperity.

Occasional criticisms have been made upon the paper, its editorial management, its lack of variety and news. The field occupied has been stoutly contested by metropolitan dailies, which had not before esteemed the news of the village worthy a place in their columns. An incidental advantage is thus gained in the knowledge of the town conveyed to city readers.

Lack of money alone has crippled the news columns of the paper, preventing that generous patronage which greater variety and fullness would have secured. While the editors are contributing time and labor without stint, asking no pay for their services, criticisms may well be confined to what is furnished rather than to an occasional omission, which cannot be avoided.

In its editorial notices, THE CITIZEN has been positive, bold, and advanced. It has not sought to express any man's ideas, but the matured opinions of the most intelligent people. It has endeavored to lead rather than to follow, to promote public spirit and private enterprise, while uniting the sentiment of all upon such courses of action as are practicable to this community. In a large measure it has been successful.

The great Napoleon once presented the cross of the legion of honor to a brave sea-captain for special services upon the water. At the close of his words of commendation the bluff sea-dog replied: "you have done right, your honor; I deserved it. Honest work carries its own reward in the gratification of success."

Much for which we have labored has gone into history. The past three years have been full of progress. The town has today better roads, sidewalks and crosswalks; it has a good water and fire-service, and more gas at a lower price than three years ago. It can boast the finest park in the State in the possession of a country town. The sentiment of the community has changed. The work of disengagement is forgotten and pride has taken the place of shame, in speaking the name of Bloomfield. Enterprise has grown and the future is brighter than for many years. In all this THE CITIZEN has taken a manly part. Much of this change could not have been effected without its help.

In return it has not been supported as it should. Many kind words have been spoken, literary help has been given, subscriptions and advertisements have been made, but none of these to the extent required.

Cost what it may, a progressive township must and will have a live and progressive paper. The advocacy of home interests require it. Metropolitan journals cannot and will not do the work. The character of a township is made by the influences which directly control it. They determine its future, prevent lapses into decay, secure a continuous growth, and check the elements of discord. Not once or twice, but year in and year out these influences must be brought to bear upon each individual, if the whole community is to be leavened. Every one must feel his interest in the growth and prosperity of the village, and his responsibility in the work of progress.

With many disadvantages in the way of financial receipts, the local paper must contest its field.

THE CITIZEN asks that the work of the leaders, who are also the wheel horses, be made lighter by the shoulders of its supporters.

An increased income will give our readers more news, a better paper, and surer aid in all their business enterprises. The stimulus given to every man's business by the promotion of the public spirit through

the local paper, will more than repay the cost of subscription or advertisement.

Generous support will secure a better paper by increasing enthusiasm, encouraging hard work, and developing new channels of literary wealth.

As its readers sustain the paper, so shall their favors be returned.

Music in the Old Church.

Years ago the singing in the Old Church was justly celebrated for its peculiar excellence. Older members recall with a sigh those famous Sunday-school concerts under Mr. Bradbury, and the music of that rare quartette which stirred the soul and filled the heart with deep religion feeling. Under its mystic spell, God seemed nearer and the truth more real.

The music of Easter Sunday brought to mind those "good old times." It is many a long year since such effective music has been heard within those old walls. It is needless to state that fault might be found but when it is considered that the volunteer choir is composed for the most part of comparatively untrained singers lately gathered together, the result is simply wonderful. Great credit is certainly due to the tact and ability of their excellent leader, who in so short a time has rendered possible such unity and precision in execution.

The manner in which singers and organist responded to his control was admirable. It was doubtless a shock to many to see the pulpit temporarily occupied by a man wielding a "stick," and indeed it is to be regretted the size of the choir gallery necessitated the arrangement, but there seemed no help for it. No leader no music, at least just now.

The church owes a great debt to the gentleman who by his indefatigable perseverance has rendered a volunteer choir possible and to those who have so loyally seconded him in his efforts.

Jeff Davis.

The re-appearance of Jeff Davis upon the public platform, as the orator of the lost cause, serves to remind people, who had almost forgotten him, that this miserable traitor still lives. In any other country treason like his would have been justly punished by death. In our opinion it would have served to make treason odious if Davis and Toombs and Benjamin and other rebel leaders had been promptly hung at the close of the war. The next generation will conclude that Lee and Grant were both patriots and lovers of their country, and that the war was only a slight misunderstanding between friends. We are not in favor of reviving sectional hate, but we think there is as much difference between a loyal soldier and a traitor as there is between Saint Paul and Judas Iscariot.

We print to-day an article copied from the Bloomington, Indiana, *Telephone*, containing a notice of the death of Prof. Elisha Ballantine, the father of the Rev. Henry W. Ballantine. This sketch of Prof. Ballantine's life, and of his labors in the University at Bloomington, with which he was for many years prominently connected, will prove very interesting to many of our readers.

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ASSETS.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage, \$63,982.22

Life and Accident Insurance, 19,050.00

Interest due and accrued, 2,283.19

Cash on hand and in Bank, 8,301.85

\$95,267.26

LIABILITIES.

Due Depositors, including Interest to date,

88,539.98

Surplus, \$6,727.28

The above is a true and correct statement of
the condition of the Bloomfield Savings Institu-
tion on the first day of January, 1886.

JOS. K. OAKES, Vice President.

THOS. C. DODD, Treasurer.

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